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TREASURES

PRINCIPLES

Part 1



**“You can’t take your
treasures with you, but
you can send them on
ahead.”**

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SEND THE TREASURES FOR THE JOURNEY AHEAD

“Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your **treasures in heaven**, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. **Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.**

Matthew 6:19-21



RESPONSE TO GOSPEL - GENEROUS GIVING

THIS LIFE

ETERNITY



JESUS

**Changes what we
treasure**

Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way. When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today."

Luke 19:1-10

Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. But the people were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled. Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!" Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

Luke 19:1-10



GOD OWNS EVERYTHING.

WE SIMPLY MANAGE WHAT HE HAS ENTRUSTED TO US.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

GOD (OWNER) AND MAN (STEWARD)

- God is the owner of all things. Man owns nothing.

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“A steward manages assets for the owner’s benefit. The steward carries no sense of entitlement to the assets he manages. It’s his job to find out what the owner wants done with his assets, then carry out his will.”

Randy Alcorn

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COMMUNION

The God who
owns everything
gave everything
for us.



- Why does Jesus speak about money so often? What does it mean that our relationship with money cannot be separated from our discipleship?
- Read the stories of the Rich Young Ruler (Luke 18:18–23) and Zaccheus (Luke 19:1–10). Both stories involve people who have significant possessions before their encounter with Jesus. Why were their responses so different?
- Ps Liv shared three practical ways we can grow in generosity as we live for eternity and faithfully manage what already belongs to God:
 - Begin giving regularly.
 - If giving a small amount, give 10% (tithe).
 - If already tithing, consider increasing by 1–2% and/or giving offerings.

Which of these challenges your personal experience with giving, and what might a practical next step look like for you?

NOISY DISCUSSIONS